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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/996,555
	Filing Date	11/15/2001
	First Named Inventor	Gregory Paul Dittmar
	Group Art Unit	1615
	Examiner Name	Blessing M. Fubara
	Attorney Docket Number	8341
	Confirmation Number	2834

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

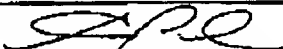
2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.


- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-2480.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)
- iv. ☒ Other Additional claims fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16

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NAME (Print/Type)	Andrew A Paul	Reg. No. 46,405 (Attorney)
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Am. Docket No. 8341  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/996,555  
Applicant(s) : Gregory Paul DITTMAR  
Filed : 11/15/2001  
Title : Pharmaceutical Dosage Form With Multiple Coatings for  
Reduced Impact of Coating Fractures  
TC/A.U. : 1615  
Examiner : Blessing M. FUBARA  
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In the accompanying Request for Continued Examination ["RCE"] under 35 U.S.C. §132(b) in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks which are responsive to the Final Office Action, dated 23 September 2003. This Submission is timely filed as it is being submitted concurrently with an RCE and authorization to pay the appropriate fee to extend the period for response for Applicants' Appeal Brief by 1 (one) month, such that it will expire on 18 June 2004. Applicants also submit herewith an Information Disclosure Sheet, for which no fee is believed to be due.

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FC:1202 162.00 DA Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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# **FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004**

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## **Complete If Known**

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## **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

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Deposit Account Name: The Procter & Gamble Company

## **FEE CALCULATION**

### **1. BASIC FILING FEE - Large Entity**

Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	Utility filing fee	0
1002 340	Design filing fee	0
1004 770	Reissue filing fee	0
1005 160	Provisional filing fee	0

**SUBTOTAL (1) (\$0)**

### **2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE - Large Entity**

	Extra Claims	Fee from Below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	[33] - 20** =	[13] x [18] =	[234]
Independent Claims	[2] - 3** =	[0] x [86] =	[0]
Multiple Dependent		[0] =	[0]

\*\* or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissue, see below

Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 & over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2) (\$234)**

## **FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

### **3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	Surcharge-late filing fee or oath	0
1052 50	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	0
1053 130	Non-English specification	0
1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	0
1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's action	0
1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's action	0
1251 110	Extension for reply within 1 <sup>st</sup> month	[110]
1252 420	Extension for reply within 2 <sup>nd</sup> month	0
1253 950	Extension for reply within 3 <sup>rd</sup> month	0
1254 1,480	Extension for reply within 4 <sup>th</sup> month	0
1255 2,010	Extension for reply within 5 <sup>th</sup> month	0
1401 330	Notice of Appeal	0
1402 330	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	0
1403 290	Request for oral hearing	0
1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0
1452 110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	0
1453 1,330	Petition to revive - unintentional	0
1501 1,330	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	0
1302 480	Design issue fee	0
1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	0
1807 50	Processing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)	0
1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	0
1809 770	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	0
1810 770	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	0
1801 770	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	[770]
1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	0
1454 1330	Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, 120, 121, or 365 (a) or (c)	0
	Other fee (specify) _____	0
	Other fee (specify) _____	0

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